

RESOLUTION

Resolution: 305C.20

SUBJECT: Telehealth Reimbursement

SUBMITTED BY: Dekalb Medical Society

REFERRED TO: Reference Committee C

1 Whereas, the 2020 COVID-19 Pandemic resulted in physician practices moving from a face to face
2 patient interaction to patient care via telehealth; and

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4 Whereas, physicians were able to pivot to this virtual patient care platform, many insurance agencies were
5 unprepared to reimburse for telehealth services in Georgia; and

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7 Whereas, virtual telehealth patient care is now a vital physician practice and can be an ongoing course of
8 patient care going forward and should be included in normal physician patient interaction; now therefore
9 be it

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11 **RESOLVED, that the Medical Association of Georgia (MAG) work with governmental agencies**
12 **and private insurers to maintain and expand reimbursement for Telehealth services in Georgia;**
13 **and be it further**

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15 **RESOLVED, that MAG make continuation and expansion of Telehealth services for Georgians**
16 **after expiration of the CMS 1135 waiver a legislative priority.**

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AMA Policy

Reimbursement for Telehealth D-480.965

Our AMA will work with third-party payers, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Congress and interested state medical associations to provide coverage and reimbursement for telehealth to ensure increased access and use of these services by patients and physicians.

MAG Policy

275.980 Telemedicine and Telehealth Services -- Support
HD 10/21/2018

MAG supports the removal of barriers to the provisions of telemedicine and telehealth services for physicians who are licensed in the State of Georgia and supports access to primary care physicians and specialty physicians care for all citizens in Georgia by promoting rural development including state and federal funding to expand broadband and internet services to rural and remote areas of the State.
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